"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

Some tobacco is carrying a heavy infestation of TMV (Tobacco Mosaic Virus). Generally a simple santation program is all that is needed to control the disease, but in severe cases it may be necessary to use a rotation or even a resistant variety. In flue tobacco the resistant variety is SC 72.

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There is a major concern throughout the flue cured area of Virginia - - the problem is tobacco cyst nematodes. It is spreading and can cause heavy losses. It has been found in Amelia, Nottoway and Dinwiddie counties.

If you find stunted plants in circular patterns in your field, we should check it out and determine the cause. There are several nematicides that can be used; however, a couple of these were ineffective this year.

The female lays up to 300 eggs over a six to eight week period. The eggs are encassed in a very tough material that resists weathering and may live for as long as 11 years in the soil.

Prevention is, of course, the direction we should take. Here are some precautions:

1. Do not get plants from farms with a cyst nematode infestation. Plantbed soil, if infected, can be transmitted to the field.

2. Do not use water from streams or ponds that are in the drainage area of cyst nematode infested soil. Nematodes can be carried in transplant or irrigation waters.

3. Do not use equipment that was previously used in infested soil. Equipment can be cleaned with steam, but it must be extremely thorough.

Finally, nothing beats a good rotation - - find a three or four year rotation that fits your operation; it will cure many ills.

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For 1979 a look at soil test results show that 23% have a pH of 5.5 or less and 8% were under 5.0. Is there any wonder that crops are often not growing properly, do not have the proper color and herbicides are giving a poor response.

With nearly one-fourth of soil tests running extremely acid, it's time to become concerned. The answers lies in taking some soil tests and liming accordingly.

When the soil pH is out of order, we get poor utilization of the fertilizer dollar. You can't afford not to use lime properly. Even in home gardens, we've had an unusually high number of calls about tomato blossom-end rot - - this is symptomatic of low pH.

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We had a good crowd for the demonstration relating to the proper handling and use of vaccines. If you plan to market calves through the Lynchburg Sale - - get your cattle vaccinated properly - - there is a change this year - and get those nominations in early.

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While you have cattle up to vaccinate the calves, it's a good time to begin a sound herd health program on all cattle. It's time to administer grub control insecticides. Do it between August 1 and November 1. The earlier, the better!

Transco Reports Second Quarter Earnings

HOUSTON, TEXAS - (Aug. 2, 1979) – Transco Companies, Inc. today reported consolidated net income for the second quarter of 1979 of $18,404,000 equal to $0.71 per common share. This compares with net income of $11,781,801, or $0.52 per share for the second quarter of 1978.

Operating revenues for the 1979 second quarter amounted to $358,472,399 compared with $218,096,083 in 1978.

Chairman and President W. J. Bowen attributed the quarter's higher earnings principally to a continuation of the year-to-year improvement in the pipeline's deliveries, which began in the first quarter of 1978. He pointed out that 1979 increase was also accentuated by the unusually depressed earnings of 1978's second quarter.

Although Transco Exploration's revenues nearly tripled from the same period in 1978, this increase was more than offset by operating and other costs. These revenues do not fully reflect the addition of three producing fields late in the second quarter, which raise the number of company offshore fields on production to 12.

For the six-month period ended June 30, 1979, revenues totaled $704,505,413, resulting in net income of $31,548,957 or $1.37 per share. For the first six months of 1978, revenues were $453,266,419, net income was $28,838,935 and earnings per share were $1.27.

For the twelve-month period ended June 30,1979, revenues were $1,229,163,420 and net income was $58,591,054, or $2.55 per share. For the prior twelve-month period revenues were $863,214,552, net income was $57,938,731 and earnings per share amounted to $2.55.

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It takes ten to 12 years to license and construct a nuclear power plant in the U.S.—twice the time it takes in Japan, says the Edison Electric Institute, because the regulatory process has become tortuous and unpredictable. Delay can result in unnecessary cost increases of some $120 million a year in construction.

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One kilowatt (1,000 watts) is approximately the amount of electricity needed to operate a steam iron for one hour.

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Lisa Coleman Celebrates Birthday

Lisa Coleman celebrated her 13th birthday recently with a party at A. J. Skateworld. Present, left to right, were Sherrie Doss, Karen Scruggs, Angie Thompson, Rodney Thompson, Sarah Simpson, Sharon Davis, "Lisa", Vickie Cheatham, Ruth Coleman, mother, Sharon Cheatham, Stewart Cheatham, Ray Cheatham, Johanna Smith and Marie Doss.

About 70 pieces of wood go into making a violin.

Canaan Baptist

The annual home-coming and revival service will begin on the 2nd Sunday, August 12th at 11:30 A.M. Rev. C. L. Elliott, Pastor and the young adult choir will be in charge of the morning service. Dinner will be served.

Rev. Barksdale and the Silver Grove Gospel Chorus will be in charge of the 3 P.M. service.

Rev. Jack Wilson will be guest speaker throughout the week, with a different choir each night. Please come and worship with us.

Basketry has been found among all primitive peoples and is one of the oldest of arts.

A quarter cup of vinegar on the stove next to frying foods can help get rid of offensive odors.

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

With many an oh and a chorus of ahs, one beholds the wonders of Nature and is grateful that Appomattox usually comes through seasons of Stormy Weather in better than average shape. During a recent heavy storm, in childlike awe, I wondered if it was raining all over the world. Unlike Noah, I was not prepared. But as I write this Monday, the Sun is shining, everything looks pert and refreshed and I could wish that year round there could be a rainbow after every storm. Sunday afternoon Mrs. Gladys Johnson took us on a drive to see some of the week-end storm damage down Evergreen way. A "Twister" had descended on a narrow path and left its mark of fallen trees, battered crops and general disarray. But a prompt cleanup by highway workers and local residents had things back to normal. With power saws, many residents had already added to their supply of winter wood.

And a good word for the utility companies. We have had a minimum of power outages.

Daylight hours are getting shorter and before long we will be changing clocks back to standard time. Meanwhile, the nights are cooler and blankets are being fetched from the closet. I had a morning low reading of fifty degrees. Put on a sweater and managed to avoid starting the stoves. But . . anyday now, unless Indian Summer arrives early.

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Everybody's friend, the Rev. Omar G. Burnett was seventy-five August 7. Congratulations. He is interim pastor of First Cross Roads Baptist Church, Turbeville and is a busy evangelist.

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Gasoline item . . . my late father, the Rev. B. F. Robinson, kept detailed records and I came across a receipt showing that for August, 1924, he purchased thirty-five gallons of gasoline from Rogers hardward Co., Onancock, at twenty-four cents per gallon.

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Thanks to Mrs. Helen Gunter for bringing me a copy of The Dayton, Ohio, Daily News. Sunday edition of 206 pages.

And to Larry Flick for bringing me a copy of The Eastern Shore News, Accomac, 44 pages. That's the paper I worked with as news editor and columnist before coming to appomattox in 1931. This issue reported on the annual Pony Penning at Chincoteague, attended by 35,000 people. At the pony auction, the youngest pony brought the top price, $625. The number of ponies offered for sale is limited, so as not to deplete the herds on nearby Assateague Island. Many have read Marguerite Henry's famous book, "Misty of Chingoteague."

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Football anyone? Have not seen the schedule of the ACHS Raiders. For the first time in 27 years, my alma mater, University of Richmond, plays the University of Virginia cavaliers. Opening game, Sept. 8 at Scott Stadium, Charlottesville.

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Like odd name places? How about this one . . . Winnipesoukee Lake, N. H. Wolfboro is on this lake and claims to be the oldest summer resort in America.

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The way the ball bounces! I had made notes all week to write a column on insects. Studied up on the subject. Such as the fact that all insects have six legs. Three pairs, affixed to the thorax. There are upwards of 300,000 species and as in humans, some are good and some are bad. But will set that aside for now as 'tis time to say thanks for reading and seeya next week.

SOME PROPERTY DAMAGE resulted from a "twister" that touched down in Evergreen during the severe thunderstorms that struck the area Saturday afternoon. Pictured above is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Staples where a tree was lifted by winds and hurled approximately 25 feet into the front of the house. Property damage was reported by several other people in the Evergreen Community. See photos on other pages of this issue of the Times-Virginian for more storm damage.

County's Share Only $169

Supervisors Back Plans For Regional Arson Unit

Meeting Friday the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors endorsed plans to form a regional arson investigation squad serving Central Virginia jurisdictions.

According to the agreement approved by the supervisors, the county will only have to pay $169 and according to Dr. S.R. Lawson, board chairman, "the price is certainly right."

Ray New of the Lynchburg Fire Marshall's Office told the supervisors that they would be getting virtually $50,000 worth of equipment and expertise for the $169.00.

New explained money for equipment and training is expected to come from federal grants, and the squad will provide training for county lawmen as well as volunteer firemen.

Purpose of the unit is to reduce the number of arsons and better prepare police to investigate them. Like the regional homicide squad, New said, members of the arson unit will be able to move freely across jurisdictional boundaries in their investigations.

Stressing the need for law officers to investigate the site of a suspected arson before firefighters leave, New said, "We've made a commitment that any time Sheriff (J.E.) Richardson requests the squad, we'll be there within the hour."

Amherst County and the Town of Amherst already have signed the agreement, New said, adding a training program already is set up. "The only thing we need now is the funding, and everybody's signature on the dotted line."

Supervisors also heard a report on a regional criminal information system planned which will provide Appomattox and other participating counties with computerized access to local and state criminal statistics and records, and which also can be used to perform other functions related to law enforcement or corrections.

Barry Martin of the Lynchburg Police Department gave the panel information about the proposed system, which will cost Appomattox annually $3,249, if it takes part, and said the board will be asked next month to decide whether or not to participate in the system.

In other business, supervisors heard from Dr. Leroy Bowen, Virginia animal welfare officer, on the technical assistance and training programs available to local animal control officers.

The county is trying to hire a full-time animal control officer, dog warden, this year because complaints about stray animals causing problems have become too numerous to be handled by a part-time warden.

The board gave Raymond Dickerson permission to ask the State Highway Department to relocate a historic marker near the old clay pipe factory in Pamplin closer to U.S. 460 in the hope of having more travellers see the marker.

Town Plans Public Meeting

The Town of Appomattox will hold a Public Information Meeting on August 23, 1979 at 7 p.m. in the Appomattox Town Office concerning the upcoming bond issue for $800,000.00 for the Town's portion on the new waste water facility to serve the citizens of the Town of Appomattox.

All interested citizens are requested to attend this meeting.

If you have questions prior to the meeting, please contact W. R. Britton, Jr., Town Manager, phone 352-8268.

Justus Named Athletic Director

BY BILLY CONNER

Stuart Justus, Head Football Coach at A.C.H.S. for the past two years, has been named Athletic Director for Appomattox County Schools, replacing Jerry Robinson who resigned in July.

Justus will assume the dual role of Athletic Director and Head Football Coach, a post he held at Amelia High School for five years before coming to Appomattox.

Justus was born in Grundy, Virginia and attended public school there. He attended East Tennessee State University, graduating in 1966 with a B.S. degree in Physical Education and Social Sciences. He returned to the Buchanan County Schools as Assistant Football Coach and served in that capacity two years. In 1968, he accepted the position of Assistant Coach at Drewry Mason High School in Henry County and coached there until he moved to Amelia in 1971.

During the past eight years as Head Coach at Amelia, Narrows and Appomattox, his teams have won 59 games and lost only 23. Last year his Raiders won 9 games during the regular season, were Seminole District Champions and the runner-up in Region III.

In addition to his teaching and coaching duties, Justus is presently finishing the requirements for his masters degree in administration.

He is married to the former Janice Murphy and they have one son, Scott.

Pamplin Ruritans To Sponsor Country Bluegrass Music Show

There will be a Country & Bluegrass Music show this Friday night at the Pamplin Community Center.

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will feature the "Traveling Company", "Clearwater Reflection", Lynchmen Ramblers", Applachian Express", "Piney Mountain Boys", "Briery Creek Band", "Sundowners" and others. Henry Fulcher of WFLO Radio will be Master of Ceremonies.

Admission will be $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for youngsters in school. There is no charge for pre-school children.

This show is being sponsored by the Pamplin Ruritan Club.

Information On Energy From The County Coordinator

W. R. Britton, Jr., Energency and Energy Services Coordinator for Appomattox County, would like to remind citizens of the county that winter heating season is approaching and that there is a possibity of an energy shortage for the season.

Preparations should be made immediately to assure that the proper amount of energy is available prior to the need.

If you are planning to heat with wood, remember that dried or cured wood is much more efficient than green or wet wood. Stockpiling wood should begin immediately for the best consumption of wood for heat.

For additional information, you may call W. R. Britton, Jr., phone 352-8268.

Concert Will Feature "Hope of Glory"

There will be a Community Concert featuring "The Hope of Glory" on Monday night, August 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School auditorium.

"The Hope of Glory" is a Contemporary Christian Music Group that travels throughout the United States and Canada ministering to people of all ages.

You will not want to miss this Community Concert, it will be an excellent type of family entertainment.

Tickets are on sale at Fidelity American Bank and at Farmers National Bank. Cost is $3.00 for advance tickets, $4.00 at the door.

Times-Virginian Printing Corp. To Relocate

The Times-Virginian Printing Corporation, formerly located at 507½ Court Street, will be moving to their new location, the Spencer Drug Store Building on the corner of Church and Main Streets, downtown Appomattox on August 17.

The Times-Virginian Printing Corporation, J. Franklin Vaughan, President, believes the move to the new location will afford added convenience for their customers.

In addition to job printing, they will offer sheet music, both popular and classical, music books, wedding and party invitations.

An open house, complete with prizes, is planned for a later date.

School Opening Set Aug. 27 In County

Appomattox County Public Schools will open on August 27 for the 1979-80 session.

Information on student fees, registration and opening day procedures is provided to assist parents and students in their plans for another school session.

Student Fees

All schools will be open on August 23 and 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at which time parents may come to the schools to pay fees. Fees approved by the Appomattox County School Board are as follows:

Appomattox County High School: Accident insurance, $5.00; S.C.A., $1.00; class fees, grades 9-11, $1.00; art, $1.50; band instrument rental, $10.00; band supply, $4.00; chemistry lab book, $5.00; clerical and stenography supplies, $7.00; distributive education, $7.50; drafting, $5.00; English workbook, grade 9, $3.25; gym suits, boys, top $2.50, bottom $2.50; girls, $7.50; locks, $2.75; home economics, $7.00; library and supply fee, $1.50; masonry, $5.00; power mechanics, $5.00; physical education supplies, $2.00; towel service, $3.50; typing supplies, $5.00; vo-ag, $6.00; textbook rental, $4.00 per subject.

Primary and Elementary schools: Accident insurance, $5.00; instructional fees, $4.00; weekly reader (K-3), $1.50; textbook rental, $12.00 K-2 and $13.00 for grades 3-6.

Appomattox Middle School:

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Referendum Will Be Set For Financing 25% Of Waste Water Facility

At the Monday night meeting of the Appomattox Town Council, members adopted an Ordinance that will take the financing of 25 percent of the cost of a new Waste Water Facility to the citizens of the Town of Appomattox in the form of a Bond Referendum.

The Referendum will possibly be set sometime early in the month of September.

Council adopted the Ordinance after having duly published the notification of their intent in two consecutive issues of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN as required by the Code of Virginia.

The Town of Appomattox has received a $1.4 million grant from The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Water Control Board for a new regional waste water facility.

EPA and the State Water Control Board have mandated to the Town of Appomattox that they shall build a new regional waste water facility. They will provide 75 percent of the cost of the sewerage treatment plant and the town will have to come up with the remaining 25 percent of the cost.

A Public Information Meeting on August 23, 1979 will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Appomattox Town Office concerning the upcoming bond issue. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Council voted to pass a Resolution as presented on the Proposed Regional Arson Investigation Squad after hearing from Mr. Ray New, Lynchburg Fire Marshall's Office.

Mr. New told council that "it will not cost the town a cent" to participate in project and that they would be getting virtually $50,000 worth of equipment and expertise. He said that arson is and always has been a problem.

County and town lawmen and firemen will receive training. The purpose of the unit is to reduce the number of arsons and better prepare police to investigate them. Members of

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THE SECOND PHASE OF THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT has begun with the widening and reconstruction of Harrell Street. The first phase was finished with the widening and reconstruction of a portion of Lee Street and the completion of a parking lot at the corner of Main Street and Lee Street. Phase one was funded by a HUD grant and the Town of Appomattox.

School Board Reviews Results of Minimum Competency Tests

At a recent meeting of the Appomattox County School Board, results of the minimum competency tests were reviewed. These tests were taken by ninth grade students in April of 1979. Students must pass both the reading and mathematics tests to receive a high school diploma.

In the area of reading 83.9 percent of the ninth grade students passed. The percentage passing the math test was 87.9. The percentage of ninth grade students who passed both tests is ten percent higher than the percentage of tenth grade students who took similar tests in the fall of 1978.

Students who were in the ninth and tenth grades last year who failed the tests will have opportunities to take the tests again each year through the twelfth grade. The school system will continue to provide special assistance to those students who failed to enable them to be better prepared for future testing.

The school board and school officials have a positive feeling about the results of the ninth grade minimum competency tests. Students seem to be accepting the tests more seriously and the school system is giving additional emphasis to basic instruction. Evidence of these facts comes from the ten percent gain in the number of ninth grade students who passed the tests in April, 1979 compared to tenth grade students who passed the tests in the fall of 1978.

Another important area discussed by the board related to the 1979-80 budget. Because of the rapid rate of inflation, the board emphasized the need to exercise reasonable measures to keep expenditure at a minimum. The following guideline approved by the board will be followed: 1) reimbursement to employees for travel expenditures shall not exceed 1978-79 expenditures, 2) school buses for field trips shall be reduced to a minimum, 3) electric lights in buildings shall be turned off when students or adults are not using the area, 4) thermostats shall be set to meet federal and state regulations, 5) conservation shall be practiced in the use of consumable materials used in the instructional program, 6) night programs and other school functions shall be planned to use a minimum amount of energy and 7) employees will be requested to assist in the reduction of expenditures for substitute teachers.

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Canneries Extend Operating Days

The Appomattox and Pamplin Canneries extended the number of operating days for each week beginning Monday, August 13. Canning days at the Appomattox Cannery will be Monday through Friday. Pamplin Cannery will operate Monday through Thursday of each week. The abundant vegetable crops as well as the use of the canneries facilities by families in the county has created a demand to exist for more operating days. Both canneries will operate on the new schedule until volume demands change.

Persons who desire to make soups or stews are requested to call the canneries for reserving cooking kettles. Appointments will enable better and more effective use of the canning facilities. The telephone number for the Appomattox Cannery is 352-2232 and the number to call in Pamplin is 348-4191.

4-H Big Event!

The 4-H Big Event at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Appomattox, Virginia, on August 25th, offers fellowship, fun and education, and features a pit-cooked beef and pork lunch. A ten dollar donation for adults and a five dollar donation for students will admit you to the activities and lunch. Tickets are available through the Appomattox Extension Office of Dr. C. G. O'Brien, Fund Raising Chairman. The Holiday Lake 4-H Center is located off Route 24 between Appomattox and Buckingham.

A planned program at 11:00 a.m. will start the day. Mr.

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Mr. John Moon

"The Bottom Line Is What Counts"

Mr. John Moon, Distributive Education Teacher/Coordinator at Appomattox County High School, attended the 41st Annual Distributive Education State Conference the week of August 6 - 10th at Hampton.

While in attendance at the Conference a variety of workshops were attended that are vital to successful operation of a local DE Chapter. Of urgent importance to local businessmen was a workshop centered around "Targeted Jobs Tax Credit". For more information concerning the tax credit offered contact John Moon at the high school, phone 352-7146.

Also at the Conference was Mr. W. Tammy Johnson, Supervisor of Program Analysis in Vocational Education, a former teacher and principal in Appomattox County.

During the V.A.D.E.T. (Virginia Association of Distributive Education Teachers) session, Mr. Moon was fortunate to be elected as Central Area Director of V.A.D.E.T. He will serve as the spokesman for approximately 65 coordinators from Roanoke to Richmond. This is quite an accomplishment and an honor for a second year teacher.